



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held December 9, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Antonovich:

“The County’s General Plan, adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 1980, has served as a blueprint for development for nearly 30 years. Although the Department of Regional Planning has been working on a General Plan Update (Update) for several years, this Update has yet to be presented to the Board. Given that the last Update has served the County for nearly 30 years, as well as projections about anticipated growth of the Los Angeles region, it is imperative that this Update include a vision to accommodate orderly development over the next two decades.

“With respect to the Update, staff of the Department of Regional Planning has performed admirably, in terms of community outreach, by hosting a series of public meetings in various unincorporated communities. As a result of this outreach, residents have contacted my office concerned that the latest draft Update is not adequately addressing issues unique to rural communities. When it comes to issues like landscaping, minimum lot size, and especially infill development, the draft Update’s ‘one size fits all’ approach is misguided. Although encouraging infill development may be sound policy in the San Gabriel and San Fernando Valleys, it is entirely out of character for communities like Acton and Lake Los Angeles. It is also contrary to the community sentiments that developed into the Community Standards Districts for Castaic-Val Verde, Juniper Hills, Little Rock and Sun Village. To the extent that the General Plan Update is addressing critical issues like infill development, global warming and infrastructure planning, it is equally important that staff address the unique set of issues affecting quality of life in our rural communities.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Director of Planning was instructed to take the following actions:

1. Formulate draft standards for development of rural communities within the General Plan Update;
2. Identify provisions that relate to development of rural communities in future outreach efforts concerning the General Plan Update;
3. Make a presentation to the Association of Rural Town Councils no later than April of 2009 concerning rural issues and the General Plan Update; and
4. Report back to the Board of Supervisors every 90 days identifying how the Department is addressing rural issues in the General Plan Update, with a copy of the report to the Association of Rural Town Councils.

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